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H. RES. 1375

Recognizing the 90th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. TANNER, Mr. BOSWELL, Mrs. MALONEY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. MELANCON, Ms. MARKEY of Colorado, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. CHANDLER, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. BACA, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. HILL, and Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 90th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

Whereas full participatory rights by women are vital to democracy in the United States;

Whereas women were denied the right to vote for 144 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed;

Whereas the first Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York, in July 1848, sparking a decades-long struggle by women's rights pioneers to gain the right to vote;

Whereas a constitutional amendment granting women's suffrage nationwide was first introduced in the United States Congress in January 1878;

Whereas in 1919, the 66th Congress of the United States passed a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution extending the right of suffrage to women;

Whereas the aforesaid amendment was then ratified by the Legislatures of the States of Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming; and

Whereas, on August 18, 1920, the Tennessee House of Representatives voted for ratification by a one-vote margin, passing the amendment in Nashville, Tennessee, becoming the 36th and final of the three-fourths of States needed to ratify the aforesaid amendment, entering it into the Constitution: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 90th anniversary of the rati-
3 fication of the 19th Amendment to the United
4 States Constitution;

5 (2) honors the contributions and achievements
6 of women in United States politics; and

7 (3) reaffirms its commitment to pursuing poli-
8 cies that achieve true political and social equality for

- 1 women, commensurate with their role in life in the
- 2 United States and society.

